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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL: SHAPE FOR INTAF

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SUBJECT: MBFR/SALT INTERPHASE

1. WITH AN EYE ON PLANNED FEB TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF MBFR, FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH TOOK OCCASION OF JAN 29 MEETING WITH EMBOFF TO AMPLIFY ONECENT COMMENTS TO STAFFDEL PERLE (BONN 484 - PARA 3 - EXDIS) CONCERNING MBFR/SALT INTER-PHASE.

2. ROTH SAID HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO FOCUS INITIALLY ON WHICH NUCLEAR SYSTEMS COULD BE INCLUDED IN SALT OR MBFR. INSTEAD, ALLIED EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON WHICH SPECIFIC NUCLEAR SYSTEMS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM ALL ASPECTS OF BOTH MBFR AND SALT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE WESTERN OPTIONS FOR FUTURE WEAPON DEVELOPMENT. IN THIS
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CONNECTION, ROTH CITED AIR AND MISSILE ELEMENTS OF

SACEUR INTERNAL STRIKE FORCES. IN ROTH'S VIEW, SOME U.S. BOMBERS (F-111) ALSO SHOULD REMAIN UNTOUCHED BY SALT AND MBFR. FURTHER, MORE PRECISE DEFINITIONS WERE REQUIRED AS TO WHAT THE TERMS "FBS" AND "NON-CENTRAL SYSTEMS" ACTUALLY COMPRISED. ONCE THERE WAS ALLIED AGREEMENT ON WHICH NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM BOTH MBFR AND SALT, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHICH REMAINING WEAPONS MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN MBFR AND IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ROTH EMPHASIS ON KEEPING THE "NUCLEAR OPTIONS OPEN" FLOWS FROM HIS BELIEF THAT THE ALLIES WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE COMING YEARS TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS AND RESTRUCTURING IN THEIR NUCLEAR FORCES. IN HIS VIEW, THESE CHANGES WILL BE DUE TO THE CONTINUED ON RUSH OF MILITARY TECHNOLOGY, AUGMENTED EMPHASIS ON MODERNIZING CONVENTIONAL WEAPONRY AND THE INEVITABLE DYNAMICS OF THE U.S./EUROPEAN AND EAST-WEST POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN EUROPE.

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